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C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 207966

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PORG, RQ, UN

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE OF 24(C-24); PUERTO RICO

REFS: (A) STATE 153477 (B) STATE 203061 (NOTAL)

1. REF B IS BEING REPEATED TO PEKING.
2. ASSISTANT SECRETARY HOLBROOKE BRIEFLY AND INFORMALLY DISCUSSED ISSUE WITH VICE FOREIGN MINISTER WANG HAI-JUNG AT FAREWELL BANQUET AUGUST 25, MENTIONING THAT AMBASSADOR WOODCOCK WOULD BE FOLLOWING UP. WE WANT TO UNDERSCORE IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH TO THE ISSUE BY ADDITIONAL REPRESENTATIONS BOTH IN PEKING AND NEW YORK.
3. AS REPORTED REF B, CUBANS HAVE INTRODUCED DRAFT  
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RESOLUTION BUT THERE CONTINUES TO BE SUBSTANTIAL SENTIMENT IN UN DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (C-24) FOR CONSENSUS STATEMENT BY CHAIRMAN WHICH WOULD RENDER UNNECESSARY A VOTE ON THE RESOLUTION. WE STRONGLY PREFER THAT COMMITTEE DELIBERATIONS THIS YEAR END IN CONSENSUS STATEMENT RATHER THAN VOTE ON A RESOLUTION. IF CONSENSUS AGREEMENT NOT POSSIBLE, WE EXPECT A MOTION TO ADJOURN DELIBERATIONS WITH-

OUT A VOTE ON THE RESOLUTION. SUCH A MOTION WAS APPROVED  
11-9-2 IN 1975 WITH CHINA NOT PARTICIPATING. OUR ESTIMATE

IS THAT CHINA WOULD NOW OPPOSE SUCH A MOTION AND VOTE IN  
FAVOR OF THE RESOLUTION IF IT COMES TO A VOTE. ISSUE  
SHOULD COME TO A HEAD IN NEW YORK ON SEPTEMBER 1 OR 2.

4. USLO SHOULD REVIEW ISSUE WITH MFA AND USUN SHOULD  
APPROACH CHINESE MISSION AT APPROPRIATE LEVEL TO URGE  
CHINESE TO SUPPORT A CONSENSUS STATEMENT BY THE COMMITTEE  
CHAIRMAN, AND NOT TO SUPPORT EFFORTS TO BRING THE CUBAN  
RESOLUTION TO A VOTE. (FOR USLO: AMBASSADOR BUSH MADE  
DEMARCHE TO VFM WANG ON PUERTO RICO IN 1975.)

5. RECOMMENDED TALKING POINTS FOLLOW:

-- US VIEW THAT THE STATUS OF PUERTO RICO IS OUTSIDE  
C-24 COMPETENCE IS WELL KNOWN AND HAS NOT CHANGED, BUT  
WE WISH TO AVOID A CONFRONTATIONAL DEBATE OVER THE ISSUE.

-- WE WILL SUPPORT WHATEVER STATUS THE PEOPLE OF PUERTO  
RICO WISH. PRESIDENT CARTER'S COMMITMENT ON THIS SCORE  
IS CONTAINED IN THE REPORT OF THE C-24 RAPPOREUR, WHICH  
IS NOW BEFORE THE COMMITTEE.

-- IN ADDITION TO A DRAFT CUBAN RESOLUTION THERE ARE TWO  
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PROPOSALS FOR CONSENSUS STATEMENTS WHICH WOULD CONCLUDE  
COMMITTEE DELIBERATIONS FOR THIS YEAR WITHOUT A VOTE ON  
A RESOLUTION.

-- WE BELIEVE A CONSENSUS STATEMENT IS THE BEST SOLUTION  
THIS YEAR, SINCE IT WOULD AVOID A CONFRONTATIONAL DEBATE  
WITHOUT ASKING ANY PARTY TO ABANDON A POSITION TO WHICH  
IT ATTACHES IMPORTANCE AS A MATTER OF PRINCIPLE.

-- WE HOPE THE PRC WILL SUPPORT A CONSENSUS STATEMENT  
BY THE C-24 CHAIRMAN. IF THERE IS NO AGREEMENT ON A CON-  
SENSUS, WE HOPE CHINA WILL NOT SUPPORT BRINGING THE CUBAN  
RESOLUTION TO A VOTE. SHOULD IT COME TO A VOTE, WE  
HOPE CHINA WILL ABSTAIN OR NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE VOTING.

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